

REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claim 6 is acknowledged with appreciation. By this amendment, the feature of claim 6 has been incorporated into independent claim 1, and adaptive amendments have been made to the remaining claims.

The rejection of claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Pitroff '631 has been rendered moot by the foregoing amendments.

The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #037110.52388US).

Respectfully submitted,

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